THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

Tuesday, the 21st April 1964.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at two of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDER) in the Chair.

I.—WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Hon. Members, it is my very first and most pleasant duty to welcome you all to this first meeting after the recent biennial and bye-elections to this House. I extend a very hearty welcome to the five re-elected, fourteen newly elected, two re-nominated and one newly nominated Members and congratulate them.

This House has established very great traditions and conventions for fellowship, mutual regard, dignity and decorum. Members of this august House have always maintained a high standard in debates and discussion. I have no doubt that the Chair will continue to receive your help and co-operation in the maintenance of the prestige and dignity of the House.

II.—SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The first business before the House is the administration of oath or affirmation to the new Members as required under Article 188 of the Constitution of India. In accordance with the practice followed in the Legislature, the Secretary will call the name of the Minister, the names of the former Chief Minister and former Ministers and the names of other hon. Members in the alphabetical order. I request hon. Members to advance to the dais, make and subscribe the oath or affirmation, sign in the register and then resume their seats.

Members may sit in any of the vacant seats till the seats are allotted under Rule 62 of the Council Rules.

The Secretary then called the names of the new Members.

The following Members took the prescribed oath :—

*1. The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN (E).
*2. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU (E).
3. Sri M. A. MUTHIAH CHETTIAR (E).
*4. Dr. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR (E).
*5. Sri S. B. ADITYAN (E).
6. Sri A. CHIDAMBARA MUDALIAR (T).
7. Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN (T).

* 8. Sri C. P. Chitrarasu (T).
9. Sri M. Ethirajulu (T).
10. Dr. H. V. Hande (E).
11. Sri K. K. Kothandaraman (T).
12. Srimathi Lakshmi Krishnamoorthi (E).
13. Sri Mohanlal Mehta (E).
* 14. Sri N. V. Natarajan (T).
15. Sri V. K. Ramaswami Mudaliar (E).
16. Sri M. Sankaralingam Pillai (T).
17. Srimathi Saraswathy Pandurangam (T).
18. Sri Sivasubramania Pandian (T).
* 19. Sri N. R. Thiagarajan (T).
20. Sri O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar (T).

III.—FELICITATIONS TO NEW MEMBERS.

* The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Deputy Chairman, it is with very great pleasure that I offer to the re-elected members and to the new members my felicitations as well as the felicitations of this House, as its Leader. On the last occasion when some of the Members were retiring, I expressed the hope that all the retiring members would be re-elected. I seem to have proved a Prophet. Except for one very sad case, all the Members have been re-elected, and have taken the rightful place in the House. It is a tribute to the service which they have rendered during the last six years, and I am quite sure that they will continue to give their wise counsel and their very valuable guidance and advice in the years ahead of us. As far as the new Members are concerned, the House is now enriched by having two veterans and a few stalwarts. Sir, in the American national history, a patriot is one who had participated in the freedom struggle, that is, the War of Independence. According to our definition, a veteran is one who has been a Member of the Legislature before Independence. We have Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker, who was not only a Member of the Legislature in the pre-Independence days but also a Parliamentary Secretary in those days. We have Raja, Muthiah Chettiar, again a very effective Member and Minister in the former Government before Independence. The House extends its felicitations to them. We have an ex-Chief Minister, a forthright speaker, and one of the ablest men that our State has produced in Sri O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar. We are very happy that the Governor has been pleased to re-nominate him and allow him to continue his service, which he has been rendering to this State both in the very difficult days of the pre-Independence struggle as well as in the post-Independence period of administration, which the Congress Party has undertaken.

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* **Members who solemnly affirmed their allegiance to the Constitution.**

(E) Members who took the prescribed oath in English.

(T) Members who took the prescribed oath in Tamil.